



2020 Annual Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 27, 2020
In-person Option: Large Pavilion, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, NY
Also Zoom Meeting Option

1. Bylaw Amendment

Prior to the start of the meeting President Bill Quinlisk reviewed the vote by the Board of Directors to amend the Bylaws as follows:

Amendment to USATF Adirondack Association Bylaws submitted to the Board of Directors on August 14, 2020 and approved unanimously by the Board of Directors on September 26, 2020. Add the following new language to USATF Adirondack Association Bylaw Article 7.C as follows:

"7. C. The Annual Meeting of USATF Adirondack membership shall be held between September 1 and October 31 each year, with the specific date, time and location as may be fixed by the Board of Directors in the notice of the meeting. The Annual Meeting may not be held via teleconference. In the case where an in-person meeting is not advisable due to health or other national/state/local level emergencies, the Board by simple majority (51%) may choose to offer a virtual meeting option in lieu of the in-person meeting or in addition to the in-person meeting for those who cannot attend an in-person meeting. Notice of this virtual meeting shall follow the same timeline as an in-person meeting."

The Board voted unanimously to offer a Zoom meeting option in addition to the scheduled in-person annual meeting. Thanks to John Pusateri and Craig Evans for handling the technical aspects of the Zoom meeting.

2. Call to Order 11:04 am

President Bill Quinlisk began the meeting asking for a moment of silence for those who have lost family and friends to the Covid-19 pandemic. He noted the passing of two of his friends in 2020 – ex USATF President Bill Roe and US Olympian and former world indoor mile record holder Dick Buerkle.

3. Attendance

Present at Elm Ave. Park: Bill Quinlisk, John Pusateri, Craig Evans, Michelle Merlis, Molly Goodrich, Steve George, John Sestito, Kari Deer, Fred LaVack, Melanie LaVack, Kathy Sullivan, B.J. Palma, Carl Matuszek, Pete Sheridan, Bill Martin, Bill Davis

Present on Zoom: Kim Skylstad, Abby Atkins, Kristen Hislop, Renee Tolan, Paul Loomis, Bob Giambolvo, Dee Shufelt, Joe Shufelt, Al Heywood.

4. Credential resolutions

None.

5. Minutes of September 15, 2019 Annual Meeting

Minutes approved unanimously as posted online on the USATF Adirondack website.

6. Financial Report – Treasurer John Pusateri

John Pusateri presented the 2020 Annual Financial Report and the September, 2020 Treasurer's Report – See documents attached to these minutes.

He reported that the USATF national office was changing from an old financial reporting system and that monies owed to the Association from May to August would be forthcoming. Even though the Covid-19 pandemic has led to a precipitous drop in Association income from memberships and sanctions; our expenses have been minimal. Abby Atkins pointed out a discrepancy in the revenue numbers. John Pusateri indicated that though the numbers were correct, he would amend the report to make the format clearer. The amended annual financial report will be posted on the Association website.

7. Officers' Reports

President – Bill Quinlisk offered brief remarks about the unique circumstances attempting to offer events during a pandemic with a plethora of Covid-19 event requirements from the national office, the federal, state and local governments, and venue administrators. The Board has chosen to wait until risk levels are much reduced. He thanked all current Board members for their service to the Association; especially outgoing members Renee Tolan and Dr. Neil Howard. He presented President Awards for 2019 to John Pusateri and Kim Skylstad and announced the winners of the 2020 President's Awards as Craig Evans and Renee Tolan. If possible, he hopes to be able to present the 2020 awards at our annual awards' banquet in early 2021.

Vice-President and Newsletter Editor – Kim Skylstad indicated that the monthly Newsletter submission deadline would be the 26th of each month in order to publish by the 1st of each month.

Secretary – Kristen Willson was not present and submitted no report.

Treasurer – John Pusateri had already discussed finances. There were no additional questions.

8. Committee Reports

Long Distance Running – Outgoing LDR Chair Renee Tolan deferred her report to incoming Chair Michelle Merlis. There were no Grand Prix events held in 2020 so there will be no GP awards. The LDR Committee will delay the bid submission date for 2021 Grand Prix events. The 2020 Saratoga Cross Country (XC) Classic which serves as our Open and Masters XC Championships has been canceled due to lack of facilities and Covid-19 restrictions.

Track & Field – Craig Evans indicated that he was hopeful that both Indoor and Outdoor T&F meets would be scheduled (and held) for 2021.

Youth – Molly Goodrich was welcomed back after health issues and noted that all 2020 Junior Olympic (JO) Regional events have been re-scheduled for 2021 at the same venues. The national office has canceled all of the JO Cross Country (XC) Association and Regional meets. The 2020 National JO XC Championships have been scheduled for December 12-13 in Lexington, KY. There will be an open registration via the USATF website.

Officials – Steve George noted that January 1, 2021 begins the new Olympiad and all USATF officials must re-certify for the next 4 years. The certification process has 5 steps: USATF membership, Official's application, SafeSport certification, Background check and Rules Review. Details will be explained at the annual meeting of the Official's Committee which will begin at 1:00pm following adjournment of the annual meeting.

9. Election results and appointments

There were a total of 40 online votes as reported by Andy Martin. The membership voted unanimously to accept the following individuals elected to 2-year terms starting at the end of this annual meeting:

President: Bill Quinlisk

Treasurer: John Pusateri

Track & Field Chair: Craig Evans

LDR Chair: Michelle Merlis

At-Large Rep for Youth Clubs: Kari Deer

Officials Chair: Steve George (4 year term)

Abby Atkins will continue in her Board role as Past President for another 2 year term.

The newly elected individuals will join the following Officers and Board members who have one year remaining on their terms of office:

Vice-President: Kim Skylstad

Secretary: Kristen Willson

Youth Chair: Molly Goodrich

At-Large Rep for Adult Clubs: John Sestito

President Bill Quinlisk re-appointed Kristen Hislop as Chair of the Administrative Sanctions Committee for 2 more years and invited her to attend Board meetings and participate as a valued non-voting member of the Board.

10. Adirondack Delegation Appointments for 2020 USATF Virtual Annual Meeting

President Bill Quinlisk announced that the Annual Meeting of USATF will be held December 3-6 as online virtual meetings only. Delegate registration fee will be half of the normal fee (\$110 per delegate). Details of the annual meeting including the actual schedule of meetings have not yet been announced. Election of our delegates will be delayed until meeting information is forthcoming from the national office. It is hoped that our Committee Chairs will be available as delegates to attend their own committee meetings representing the Association. Other individuals who are interested in serving as delegates are asked to contact one of the Officers or Board members.

11. Old Business

Past President Pete Sheridan thanked the USATF Adirondack Association and Board of Directors for their continued support of the Greater Capital Region Track, Field and Cross Country Hall of Fame.

12. New Business

President Bill Quinlisk reported that he, Craig Evans and Kristen Hislop met via teleconference on September 17, 2020 with Andre Turman and Spencer Carter. Turman and Carter put forth a proposal for construction of a new 200m indoor track & field facility in the Capital Region. They asked for input and advice. Their request for a letter of support from the Association was deferred to the October 13 Executive Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.